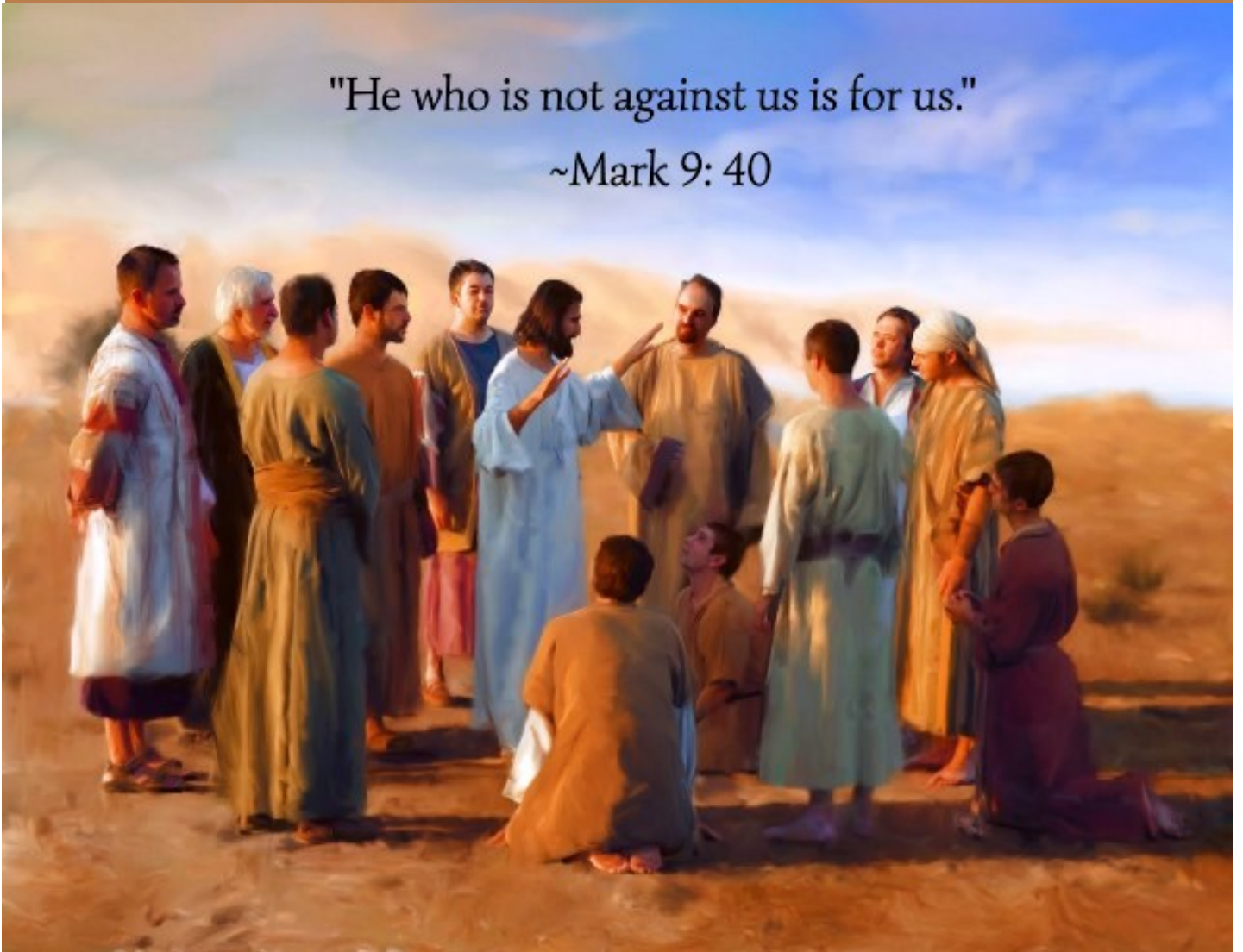


*Saint Lawrence-Saint Philip
Catholic Church*

*Rev. Thomas Trocchio - Pastor
Deacon Paul McCoy - Deacon Assistant*

"He who is not against us is for us."

~Mark 9: 40



*Sunday, September 29th
Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

Contact Information

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Phone - 814-756-3623

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Email - pwmccoy@aol.com

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180 East State Street
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Office Hours

8:00 am till 1:00 pm
Monday thru Thursday

Faith Formation

Co-Leaders
Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192

Parish Maintenance

Jim Mitchell

Parish Center/Rental Information

Renaë Mihalak
814-756-4840 -- Please Leave a Message.

St. James Cemetery

Manager - Greg Petrus

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday @ 5:00 pm at St. Lawrence
Sunday @ 8:00 am at St. Philip
Sunday @ 10:00 am at St. Lawrence

Weekday Masses

All at St. Lawrence
Tuesday & Wednesday - 8:00am
Thursday & Friday - 12:00pm
No Mass on Monday

Holy Hour

Tuesday - 6:00pm
St. Lawrence Church

First Friday

Adoration 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:15 pm at St. Lawrence

Reconciliation

Tuesdays During Holy Hour at St. Lawrence
6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
Saturday - 4:15pm to 4:45pm at St. Lawrence
Sunday - 7:30am at St. Philip



**Mass Intentions
for The Week**

Monday, September 30, 2024

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor Of The Church

No Mass

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Saint Therese Of The Child Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor Of The Church

8:00 AM † *Ron Golden*
(Kaleida Family)

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 AM † *Kathleen Glasl*
(Doug & Lucy Lenhardt)

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Weekday

12:00 PM *Max Stephen*
For Health & Well-Being
(Ray & Terry Garries)

Friday, October 4, 2024 - First Friday

Saint Francis of Assisi

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
5:15 PM † *Cathy Wojtecki*
(St. Lawrence-St. Philip Parish)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

Weekday

Sunday Vigil Mass

At St. Lawrence
5:00 PM † *Margaret & Louis DeFede*
(Susan Arnold)

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

At St. Philip

8:00 AM † *Laura Revak*
(Stu & Mary Ann Revak)

At St. Lawrence

10:00 AM † *Anna Rotko*
(John & Criss Rotko)

Deacon's Corner

September 29, 2024



Beautiful Eucharist – Bishop Fulton Sheen

To continue to share the main message of the National Eucharistic Congress, let's continue to look at the book *Beautiful Eucharist*. The 7th chapter is: *Your Most Urgent Need*, by Bishop Fulton Sheen.

Fulton Sheen was an American bishop and pioneer in the use of technology to communicate the Gospel to the multitudes. He was the best selling author of many books including *Finding True Happiness*, and during his lifetime was a beloved and world-renowned television personality, speaker, and retreat leader. This reflection was adapted from Fulton Sheen's talk, *Holy Eucharist as Sacrament*.

Bishop Sheen starts with, "The whole world really has hunger for God." He continues, The Eucharist is the greatest of all the sacraments because it contains in a substantial way the person of Christ, who is the author of life." It is a fundamental instinct for animals and humans to seek food and life is impossible without nourishment. "But here we come to a difference. Man is the soul as well as the body. Does not his soul demand food?" Bishop Sheen resumes with, "Man's soul is spiritual and therefore it demands a spiritual food."

Christ is the Bread of Life. At the Last Supper Jesus "said over the bread, *this is my body*. He did not say this represents my body, this symbolizes my body, this is a token of my body, but *this is my body*."

Therefore, let us pray, "Lord Jesus, set a fire in my heart that is hungry to find the way, set a fire in my heart that is hungry to discover truth, set a fire in my heart that is hungry for the fullness of life you spoke of when you walked the dusty roads of Galilee 2000 years ago. And remind me in all things that you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

Deacon Paul

**Sacrificial Giving
For The Weekend Of September 21 & 22**
Envelopes - \$ 1,976.00
Loose - \$ 409.00
Weekly Budget Goal
\$ 3,750.00

~The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal~
Our Diocesan Assessment - \$28,881.00
Amount Paid To Date - \$17,938.41

Current Registered Households - 148
Household Pledges To Date - 51
Amount Pledged - \$18,768.41

Please remember to make all checks out to
"St. Lawrence Church".

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Ladies of the Rosary



Meetings
First Thursday of the
month at 6:30PM

Contact: Tammy Maskrey

All Ladies of the parish are welcome!


 **Cursillo**
 "Making a friend, being a friend,
 and
 introducing that friend to Christ."
 Parish Coordinators:
 Needed

 **JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #3979**
 A CATHOLIC
 FAMILY FRATERNAL
 SERVICE ORGANIZATION
 CALL: JOHN SHADE - 756-4512

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**St. Lawrence/St. Philp
Faith Formation**
Sundays 11:00am-12:30pm
K through 11
To register contact:
the Parish Office at
814-756-3623



Ministries
*Serve the Lord and serve the
Parish as an:*
Altar Server
 students grade 4 and up
Lector
 post confirmation Adults
Greeter
 high school students and up
 Contact Parish Office for
 more information
 756-3623

Your CHOIR Needs YOUR Voice
 * to lead the singing of the Assembly
 * to embellish the music of the liturgy
 * to become a future cantor
 Consider becoming a member TODAY!



"Those who sing pray twice!"

Sacrament of Matrimony
 Parishioners are requested
 to contact the pastor
 at least six months
 in advance to begin preparation.
 Participation is required in
 Pre-Cana or
 Engagement Encounter.

Sacrament of Baptism
 By appointment.
 Please call the Parish Office
 for more information.
 Pre-Baptismal instruction
 is required.

Sponsor Certificates
 Letters of recommendation
 issued only to confirmed
 parishioners
 (age 16+) in good standing,
 who attend Mass regularly and
 support the parish with time,
 treasure or talent.

Sick Calls
 Visits are made per
 parishioner request. Please
 notify the office
 of any hospitalizations,
 injuries, or illnesses.
 Homebound visits and
 communion are at



**St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church
Membership Form**

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ E-Mail _____


Please Check One

New
 Address Change
 Moving out of Parish

This Week At St. Lawrence-St. Philip Church

Monday, September 30	*Bingo - 6:30 pm Doors Open At 5:30 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Tuesday, October 1	*Holy Hour - 6 pm - 7pm Confessions 6:15 - 6:45 St. Lawrence Church
Wednesday, October 2	*AA Meeting - 8 pm St. Lawrence Parish Center
Friday, October 4	*First Friday Adoration - 4:00 Mass - 5:15 St. Lawrence Church
Saturday, October 5	*Pet Blessings - 2 pm St. Lawrence Parking Lot

Please Keep The Following People In Your Prayers



- Judy Diehl-
- Jim Bernoski-
- Marilyn Madden-
- Tom Lascek-
- Jon Reibel-
- Mike Sawin-
- Andrew Segal-
- Bill Pavolko-
- Judy Graham-
- Max Stephen-
- Bob Pacansky-
- Anthony-
- Darlene Skadhauge-
- Kathy (Hudacky) Oswald-
- Bishop Persico-
- Eddie LaCastro-
- Teofilo Gomez (Mr. Serrano)-
- Steve Smith-
- Bob Stewart-
- Philip Kleckner-
- Intentions In Our Prayer Box-
- Our Homebound Parishioners-

**To Add A Prayer Request To Our List,
Please Contact Norma Jafko
at 814-756-3889
or Marie Lavor at 814-587-6094**

Come Play Bingo!!

**Every Monday at
The St. Lawrence Parish Center
Doors/Concessions Open at 5:30
Games Begin at 6:30
This Week's Jackpot is \$1,050.00
in 53 Balls or Less.**

**Join In On The Fun!!
Help Is Always Needed!**



St. Lawrence Garden Committee

We would like to form a Garden Committee, to help maintain the beauty of the Church Grounds. Members will help plan, plant and maintain the flowers and beds around the church and rectory. If you would like to be a part of this new committee, please contact the Parish Office at
814.756.3623



Lector Schedule - St. Lawrence Church

Saturday, Sept 28 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson
Sunday, Sept 29 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Oct 5 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer
Sunday, Oct 6 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Saturday, Oct 12 - 5:00 pm - Patricia Thompson
Sunday, Oct 13 - 10:00 am - Criss Rotko

Saturday, Oct 19 - 5:00 pm - Marge Mayer
Sunday, Oct 20 - 10:00 am - Carl Pry

Lector Schedule - St. Philip Church

Sunday, Sept 29 - 8:00 am - Patty Pavolko

Sunday, Oct 6 - 8:00 am - Kimberly Boal

Sunday, Oct 13 - 8:00 am - Erinn Wnek

Sunday, Oct 20 - 8:00 am - Robert Wnek

St. Lawrence/St. Philip Fall Dinner

Thank you to all who have volunteered so far!

Help Is Still Needed In The Following Areas

- *Servers In The Dining Area - We need at least 24 helpers to serve our customers.
- *Please consider helping out in this area especially!*
- *Take Out Area - Volunteers needed to carry take out containers from the dining area to the Faith Formation Office for take out customers.
- *Coffee/Punch - Help is needed to walk around and serve beverages to our customers.

We Are In Need Of Donations

Pies for the Dinner (No Cakes, Cookies, etc.)
Baked Goods for the Bake Sale
Chance Auction Items
Or a Monetary Donation to Help Off Set Costs

All donations may be dropped off at the
Parish Office M-Th 8-1,
at the Parish Center on Saturday October 12th,
during Mass from 4:45 till 6:00
or the morning of the dinner at the Parish Center by 9:00

Please Contact The Parish Office at 814-756-3623
If You Have Any Questions. Thank You!

St. Lawrence-St. Philip Fall Dinner Serving Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Applesauce, and Pie.

Sunday October 13th
Serving from 11:30 - 2:00
Dine-In or Take Out
\$15.00
Serving 400 Meals
Come Early!



**First Friday
Devotion**
to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, October 4th
Adoration of The Most Blessed Sacrament
4:00 – 5:00 PM
First Friday Mass
5:15 PM

~Faith Formation~

October 6th - Class
October 13th - No Class - Fall Dinner

If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact Carrie Sawin - 814-440-0487
Criss Rotko - 814-449-0192



Fr. Tom will be offering Pet Blessings
on Saturday, October 5th at 2 pm at
the St. Lawrence Church Parking Lot.
Bring your special friends for a special
blessing.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts:

This short part of the Mass is not just an interlude in between The Liturgy of the Word and The Liturgy of the Eucharist. It contains several subtle but important actions with great ritual significance.

Preparation of the Altar

A square linen cloth called a corporal (from the Latin “corpus” which means “body”) is placed in the center of the altar. On that, the paten (sacred vessel for the bread), chalice and purificator (which is used to wipe the rim of the chalice) are then placed. The final action is the Roman Missal being placed on the altar.

Collection

Dating back to the second century, St. Justin Martyr writes “They who have means and who are willing, give freely what they wish, according to each one’s preference.” (Turner) These gifts were used to help orphans, widows, the sick, etc. In the early centuries of the Church, offerings of food, oil and flowers were given.

Over time, money became the equivalent of these gifts. As Fr. Driscoll explains, the collection of money is not trite nor dirty but a necessary affair: “Money is our work. Money is hours of our lives. And now we give it away, we sacrifice it, for the work of the Church, which in the end is its work of charity and evangelization.” (Driscoll) “Our small sacrifices, not much on their own, become immense when united with Christ’s perfect sacrifice. (Buzaitis)

Procession of the Gifts

The Church states it is “praiseworthy practice for the bread and wine to be presented by the faithful” to the priest. (GIRM, 73) Through this spiritual action, we not only offer the bread and wine but ourselves, as well. By offering these simple gifts, we bring all creation, all the pain and suffering of the world, and give back to God that which belongs to Him. Pope Francis notes that “our offering is small, but Christ needs this small amount. The Lord asks little of us and he gives us so much.” (Pope Francis) Like the loaves and fishes of the child, God takes our small offering and multiplies it by his great generosity.

Praising God for the Gifts

“Bread and wine are symbols of our livelihood and were regularly offered in ancient Israel sacrifices. They both represent God’s initial and continuing provision and our work: the planting, caring, harvesting, grinding, and baking to produce the bread; the caring for, pruning, cultivating, gathering, pressing, fermenting, clarifying, and aging of the grapes from the vine to create wine.” (Buzaitis)

Next, a little water is mixed with the wine. The words the priest or deacon say quietly during this action help us understand its meaning: “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” This represents the uniting of the life of Christ (wine) and our life (water). The priest’s prayer then recognizes the wine as “fruit of the vine . . . [that] will become our spiritual drink.”

It is helpful to recognize what the basis is for these rituals we do at mass. After giving God praise for the gifts of bread and wine, the priest then offers a private prayer of contrition based on that of Azariah and the other two men in the ‘white-hot’ furnace: “But with contrite heart and humble spirit let us be received; as though it were burnt offerings of rams and bulls, or tens of thousands of fat lambs, So let our sacrifice be in your presence today and find favor before you; for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame.” (Daniel 3:39-40) Today, our priests say: “With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.”

On more solemn occasions, the priest may incense the offerings, the cross, and the altar; another minister then incenses the Priest and the people. Incensing is a ritual gesture marking things as sacred.

Washing of Hands

As the priest washes his hands, he quietly says a prayer based on Psalm 51:4: “Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” This gesture harkens back to the ritual washings of the priests in the Old Testament before they performed their duties in the most sacred place – the Holy of Holies. It symbolizes the priest’s need to have his soul cleansed before undertaking the holy task of consecrating the bread and wine. During the Eucharistic prayer, Christ makes the hands of the priest His hands – hands that take the gifts, transform them, and offer them to the Father.

Invitation to Pray

The priest then invites us to pray that the sacrifice, both his and ours, will be acceptable to God. We respond in hope that the Lord will accept the sacrifice at the priest’s hands for the praise and glory of God and for our good and the good of the Church. We, the faithful, “not only offer the sacrifice by the hands of the priest, but also, to a certain extent, in union with him.” (Pope Pius XII)

Prayer over the Offerings

The Preparation of the Gifts concludes with the Prayer Over the Offerings. In this prayer there is generally some reference to the season or feast we are celebrating, and the gifts offered. It often recalls that the gifts we give to God were first received from Him, and it asks for divine acceptance of our offerings and the transformation of both the gifts and our own selves.

Maripat Grant, C.Th.

Next article: The Eucharist Prayer